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Title : METHOD FOR

REPRODUCING CONIFERS

BY SOMATIC EMBRYOGENESIS USING

GALACTOSE CONTAINING COMPOUNDS AS A CARBON AND ENERGY SOURCE.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated February 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal and a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time and the required fees. This response is timely filed on July 13, 2009. The fees required will be paid at the time of filing. No additional fees are believed due with this submission. However, if additional fees are owed, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1965.

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